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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Franklin B. Floyd, Jr.

Serial No.: 10/045,244

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For: SEATING DEVICE HAVING
A HELMET HEATING RACK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the examination of the above referenced application, please amend the claims as follows:

8. (Amended) A portable seating device comprising:

a pressurized air source;

a substantially hollow bench having a footwall, the bench fluidly connected to the pressurized air source at an opening, and further defining an interior space into which pressurized air is received via the opening, the bench also having a substantially hollow deck extending outwardly from the footwall of the bench;

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the deck having a top surface, a back wall and a front wall, the front wall having a surface for substantially flush engagement with the footwall portion of the bench when the deck is in a retracted position, and a back wall having a surface for substantially flush engagement with the footwall portion of the bench when the deck is in an extended position, the back wall of the deck having a plurality of perforations through which the pressurized air is exhausted from the interior space of the bench into the deck when the deck is in its extended position, and the top surface of the having a plurality of perforations through which pressurized air is exhausted from the device.

11. (Amended) The seating device of claim 8 wherein the pressurized air source is an air conditioning or refrigeration unit.

Please add the following new claim:

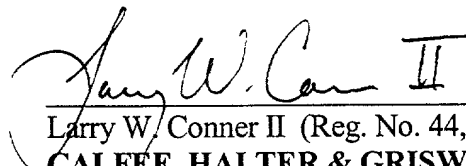
31. The seating device of claim 8 wherein the pressurized air source is a heating unit.

Remarks

Applicant has amended claims 8 and 11 for clarification purposes and has added new claim 31. Applicant has attached hereto to a marked up version of the claims showing the changes made. A check in the amount of \$9.00 (nine dollars) to cover the fee for the additional claim is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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8. (Amended) A portable seating device comprising:

a pressurized [an] air source;

a substantially hollow bench having a footwall, the bench fluidly connected to the pressurized air source at an opening, and further defining an interior space into which pressurized air is received via the opening, the bench also having a substantially hollow deck extending outwardly from the footwall of the bench;

the deck having a top surface, a back wall and a front wall, the front wall having a surface for substantially flush engagement with the footwall portion of the bench when the deck is in a retracted position, and a back wall having a surface for substantially flush engagement with the footwall portion of the bench when the deck is in an extended position, the back wall of the deck having a plurality of perforations through which the [heated] pressurized air is exhausted from the interior space of the bench into the deck when the deck is in its extended position, and the top surface of the having a plurality of perforations through which [heated] pressurized air is exhausted from the device.

11. (Amended) The seating device of claim 8 wherein the pressurized air source is an air conditioning or refrigeration unit.